

In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A sole, comprising:

a first material having a main support extending in a generally longitudinal direction and a plurality of extensions extending laterally from said main body;

a second material having a plurality of sections; and

each section being spaced apart from an adjacent section by at least one extension being placed between said each section and said adjacent section.

the sole further comprises a top surface and a bottom surface;

said first material extends from said top surface to said bottom surface, said first material extends from a bottom surface to a location between said top and bottom surfaces, and said first material extends from a top surface to a location between said top and bottom surfaces in various localized areas of the sole;

said each section being encompassed by said first material; and

wherein said first material has a modulus of elasticity higher than said second material.

2. (cancelled)

3. (original) The sole according to claim 1, wherein said first material has a hardness lower than second material.

4-9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) The sole according to claim 1~~claim 9~~, wherein said each section is discretely separated from said adjacent section.

11. (currently amended) A method for providing a sole, comprising the steps of:

- molding a first material to provide a main support and a plurality of extensions;
- extending the main support in a generally longitudinal direction;
- extending the plurality of extensions laterally from the main support;
- molding a second material to provide a plurality of sections; and
- spacing each section apart from an adjacent section by at least one extension;
- providing a top surface and a bottom surface of the sole;
- extending the first material from the top surface to a location between the top and bottom surfaces of the sole;
- extending the first material from the bottom surface to a location between the top and bottom surfaces of the sole; and
- extending the first material from the top surface to the bottom surface of the sole.

12-19. (cancelled)